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**Via electronic filing**

Cynthia T. Brown  
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –  
Abandonment Exemption – in Middlesex County, Massachusetts**


Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed on May 10, 2011, the Town of Natick (the "Town") requests a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Town, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Town.

Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until October 29, 2011) to continue negotiations with the Town. CSXT also believes that the consummation date for the line would be automatically extended to December 28, 2011 under 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2).

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

  
Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Martha White